Appointments made from the Varnava community.

98. ✱ **MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU**: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of permanent or temporary appointments made from the Varnava community after the appointment of the Public Service Commissioner?

DR. G. D. NOKES: No statistics are available.

Staff in the office of the Public Service Commissioner.

99. ✱ **MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the considerable delay in registering the applications and filling up vacancies by the Public Service Commissioner;

(*b*) whether the delay is due to the inadequate staff;

(*c*) whether the Public Service Commissioner has prayed for additional staff for the effective working of the Department, and if so, has it been sanctioned;

(*d*) whether they have allowed any extra allowance or pay to the Commissioner, the Secretary and the Manager in addition to their original pay;

(*e*) how many applications have been received in the Lower Division till 30-10-1112; and

(*f*) how many of such applications have been registered and what is the duration of the unregistered?

DR. G. D. NOKES: (*a*) Government are aware that there is some delay in registering applications for the Lower Division appointments. There is no delay in filling up vacancies, except in a few cases in the Intermediate Division where vacancies in specific appointments were not estimated by appointing authorities:

(*b*) some delay in registration is attributable to candidates failing to remedy defects in their applications after notice, or requesting to be registered for additional appointments after first registration;

(*c*) Yes: some additional staff has been provided for 1112;

(*d*) No except Rs. 50 per mensem to the Secretary while in charge of the duties of the Commissioner on leave;

(*e*) 15,442 applications on the prescribed forms; and

(*f*) 8,723. 12½ months is the greatest duration. These are cases where candidates have failed to remedy defects after notice from the Public Service Commissioner's Office.

Promotions from the Lower to the Intermediate Division in the Public Service.

100. ✱ **MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have prohibited promotions from the Lower to the Intermediate Division in the Public Service?

DR. G. D. NOKES: The question as to whether or not promotion from the Lower to the Intermediate Division is permissible is under the consideration of Government and till it is disposed of, Government have prohibited such promotions.

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